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SUBJECT: USE OF ROYALTY RUBLES TO FINANCE VISITS OF YOUNG
AMERICAN WRITERS

1. WRITERDURT VONNEGUT JR HAS WRITTEN THE SECRETARY ABOUT
A PROPOSAL HE MADE AS V.P. OF AMERICAN P.E.N. TO FEDORENKO
OF SOVIET WRITERS UNION THAT RUBLES EARNED BY U.S. AUTHORS
PRIOR TO SOVIET ACCESSION TO NEW INTERNATIONAL COPYWRIGHT
AGREEMENT BE POOLED INTO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO ENABLE YOUNG
AMERICAN WRITERS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. FEDORENKO HAS
MADE NO REPLY. VONNEGUT WRITES THAT HE HAS ALSO ASKED
EMBASSY MOSCOW (P AND C) FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

2. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN THE VON-
NEGUT PROPOSAL AND THE VERY LIMITED CHANCES FOR SUCCESS.
NEVERTHELESS WE BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR OPENING
A NEW AND IMPORTANT AVENUE OF INTERCHANGE SHOULD BE FULLY
INVESTIGATED AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AS
EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY RE WHAT INITIATIVES EMBASSY
MAY HAVE TAKEN RE VONNEGUT PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE
ANY OTHER ACTIONS EMBASSY AND/OR DEPT COULD TAKE. KISSINGER

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